

### Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

**Area Unique Identifier:** CO-060-030

**Acreage:** 7,368.97

**Is the area of sufficient size?**

Yes ☒ No ☐

#### Description:

This unit of BLM land is identified as CO-060-030. The northern boundary is a combination of road 3580 and private land. The southern boundary is private land. The eastern boundary is road 3062 and 3580. The western boundary includes roads 3057, 3585, 3058, and trail 3587T.

**(1) Does the area appear to be natural?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

#### Description

This parcel is west of Gold Basin Road and is dominated by rolling hills. South Beaver Creek runs southeast to northwest through the center. There is a portion of private land to the east of South Beaver Creek and to the west of road 3062 (eastern boundary). Vegetation within this parcel includes sage brush, aspen, willow, pine, grasses and various wild flowers. Several closed roads are still present ranging from high visibility to little or no visibility with portions of the area being used for livestock grazing. The main recreational human activities within this area are hunting and hiking. These activities result in  $\pm 700$  visitors per year. There are several fence lines within this parcel but they do not detract from the overall naturalness of the area.

**(2) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

#### Description

The varying topography of the area creates an outstanding opportunity for solitude. Signs of human impact are minimal and the rolling hills allow several people to be in the area without being aware of one another.

- (3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

This area provides outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation such as hiking, backpacking, hunting and wildlife viewing. Use of the land is self- directed and there are no recreational facilities in the area.

- (4) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historic value)?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

**Description**

This parcel has high levels of winter elk habitat, occupied sage grouse and potential sage grouse habitat. It also has medium levels of pronghorn habitat and winter mule deer habitat.

## Summary of Analysis

Area Unique Identifier: CO-060-030

### Result of Analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### Check one

  X   The area, or portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

       The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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